

## NOTICE TO COMMITS VENDORS

On September 23, 1999, and September 30, 1999, Kathpal Technologies, Inc. and Computer Hi-Tech Management, Inc., respectively, filed protests with the General Accounting Office (GAO), challenging their exclusion from the pool of vendors who made oral presentations and were selected for award under RFP No. 52-SAAA-9-00010 (COMMITTS). On December 30, 1999, GAO issued its decision granting the protests. The Department requested that GAO reconsider its recommended remedies, which request was denied on February 14, 2000. The GAO decisions can be found on its website at [www.gao.gov](http://www.gao.gov).

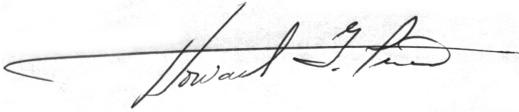
Within the next two weeks, the Department will develop appropriate procedures to implement one of the GAO recommendations, *i.e.* to afford all technically acceptable offerors the opportunity to make an oral presentation. Further, the Department does not contemplate any changes to the original evaluation criteria. After the initial re-evaluation is completed, all technically acceptable offerors, *including current COMMITTS vendors*, will be provided with an opportunity to make an oral presentation. We will retain the right to conduct a voluntary down-select as described in Section M of the RFP. Final evaluations and award selections will be made after oral presentations are concluded. For those offerors who no longer wish to participate in the COMMITTS procurement, please notify Ms. Jenista Featherstone in writing by not later than close of business on March 10, 2000, that you wish to withdraw your proposal from re-consideration. Ms. Featherstone's address is:

U. S. Department of Commerce  
Acquisition Services, Room 6514  
14<sup>th</sup> & Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Notices and other communications about re-consideration of the proposals will be posted on the COMMITS website at [www.commits.doc.gov](http://www.commits.doc.gov). This site will be updated on a regular basis and should be checked regularly by all participating vendors.

Thank you for your continued interest in COMMITS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard G. Price", written over a light gray rectangular background.

Howard G. Price  
Contracting Officer